New DMU Trains between Kharagpur and Bhubaneswar

4389. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had decided to introduce four new DMU services between Kharagpur and Bhubaneswar;

(b) if so, the number of new DMU services introduced so far during the current year;

(c) the reasons for delay in introducing all the four DMU services between Bhubaneswar and Kharagpur; and

(d) by when the promise is likely to be fulfilled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

East Coast Railway Zone

4390. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the current anticipated cost of development and operation of the East Coast Zone at Bhubaneswar;

(b) the amount sanctioned for that proposed Zone, so far;

(c) by when the zone is likely to become fully operational; and

(d) the steps taken in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) The current anticipated cost for setting up on East Coast Railway Zone at Bhubaneswar is Rs. 111.00 crores.

(b) Total amount sanctioned so far for setting up of East Coast Railway Zone at Bhubaneswar is Rs. 8.36 crores.

(c) and (d) The entire issue of re-organisation of Zones/Divisions is now under review in the light of the resource crunch currently faced by the Railways. The proposed new zones including East Coast Railway will gradually become operational depending upon the availability of investible resources for

this purpose and the result of the review. No time limit for this can be indicated in view of the complexities involved.

Inclusion of meal charge in Rail Fare

4391. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cost of newpapers and the meals supplied to passengers in Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains is included in the journey fare;

(b) if so, what are the details of the cost of fare, mineral water, meals, newspapers, etc. separately, issued to passengers in New Delhi-Amritsar, New Delhi-Lucknow and New Delhi-Dehradun Shatabdi Express trains and HNZM-MCT Rajdhani Express trains;

(c) whether the free journey railway pass is issued to the Catering Staff/Contractors of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the cost of the above free rail journey passes, train-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The fare structure of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains includes the charges for amenities like bedroll, mineral water, newspaper etc, and are inclusive of charge for the higher speed and reservation and Catering charges, as per service added to the fare. The details of the chargeable fares are as under :—

	AC Chair Car (Rs.)	Executive Class (Rs.)	
I. Shatabdi Express			
(1) New Delhi-Amritsar	610	1220	
(2) New Delhi-Lucknow	640	1320	
(3) New Delhi-Dehradun	495	985	
II. Rajdhani Express	**3AC**	**2AC**	**First AC**
(4) Hazrat Nizamuddin-Mumbai Central	1485	2405	4180